



Recycling Lines

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DEQ's Community Involvement Initiative: The Department of Environmental Quality is dedicated to helping the public better understand DEQ's role in protecting the environment, and to involving the public more effectively in environmental decision making.

Welcome to Recycling Lines. We hope that some of this information is helpful to you in your programs, and hope you'll help us with news from your area related recycling. Let us know by sending this information to Steve Coe at

gscoe@deq.virginia.gov.

Recycling in Virginia, 2007

Based upon the reporting by the 74 Solid Waste Planning Units on their recycling programs in CY 2007, Virginia is now recycling at a 38.5 % rate. This calculation includes data on the Principal Recyclable Materials (PRMs), the Municipal Solid Waste disposed (MSW), and on other materials recycled or reused and submitted in the Credits (CR) categories authorized by 10.1-1411 of the *Code of Virginia*.

DEQ is currently working on the preparation of the annual recycling rate report which will be available in November.

Questions on the reports or recycling data should be addressed to Steve Coe at (804) 698-4029 or via email at gscoe@deq.virginia.gov.

DEQ Programs Moved

Effective July 10, 2008, the Office of Recycling and Litter Prevention (ORLP) was eliminated, and the program staff was re-assigned within the agency. The ORLP programs included an information clearinghouse for recycling and litter prevention topics, processing of the annual recycling rate reports, outreach and support to localities on litter prevention and recycling program topics, administration of the annual litter prevention and recycling grant programs, staff support to the Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board, and support for the Waste Tire Management Program.

Steve Coe now works within the Office of Pollution Prevention, continuing his work with state and locality-based recycling program activities, including the annual recycling rate reporting. Sheila Barnett now works within the Office of Environmental Education, continuing her work with litter related program activities and assuming responsibility for the annual grants program.

The contact information for both staff members remains the same: Steve Coe at (804) 698-4029 or gscoe@deq.virginia.gov, and Sheila Barnett at (804) 698-4055 or smbarnett@deq.virginia.gov.

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Did You Know?

- ✓ The Virginia statewide recycling rate has grown steadily from 29.8 % in 2004 to 38.4 % in 2006. (see story in Column 1 on the 2007 calculated rate).
- ✓ Litter Prevention and Recycling grants for FY 2009 are now being awarded to localities. Funding for FY 2009 is approximately the same as FY 2008 levels, with \$1,878,504 available for the awards.
- ✓ Special Project Grant applications are due to DEQ by September 18, 2008. The application can be found at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/recycle/programs.html>.
- ✓ Recycling of CFLs (compact fluorescent light bulbs) is now possible at two retail sites: IKEA and Home Depot both offer CFL drop-off locations in their stores. Visit DEQ's website for information on use of and management of CFLs. www.deq.virginia.gov/recycle (What's New).
- ✓ The analog-to-digital changeover for television broadcasting becomes effective on February 17, 2009. Visit <http://www.dtv.gov/consumercorner.html> for information on converter boxes for your analog television sets.

Upcoming Calendar of Events'

September:

- 8 The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission issues the report on its 2-year study on waste minimization, reuse and recycling in Virginia. <http://jlarc.state.va.us>
- 17 – 19 The Southwest Virginia Solid Waste Management Association Conference in Bristol, Virginia. www.svswwma.org

October:

- 14 Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board meeting, DEQ's Piedmont Regional Office, 4949-A Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA, at 10:30 AM.

November

- 4 Election Day. Don't forget to VOTE!

